GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF WATER TO RAJASTHAN
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan is receiving only 1% of the total available water resources in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to supply water from the Ganga/Yamuna river to Rajasthan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress achieved so far in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) As per Government of Rajasthan, 47 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM) of water is available to them including ground water and external resource.

(b) & (c) The Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Water Resources) and the Central Water Commission have formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development which envisages inter linkages among the various Peninsular rivers and among the Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins for optimum utilization of water resources. The Government of India has established National Water Development Agency (NWDA) as an Autonomous Society in July 1982 to inter-alia carry out the water balance and feasibility studies of the National Prospective Plan. The Plan envisages 17 water transfer links under the Peninsular rivers development component and 14 water transfer links under the Himalayan rivers development component. Under the Himalayan component of National Perspective Plan, transfer of surplus waters of Sarda, a tributary of Ganga, through the links of Sarda- Yamuna and Yamuna-Rajasthan is envisaged. NWDA has completed the pre-feasibility studies of the links. Implementation of water transfer link proposals is inter alia linked to how soon the detailed project reports with estimate of cost are prepared after consensus is reached among the concerned States and availability of funds for their implementation.